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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

GREGG FREITAS and RYAN 10 CALVERT, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

No. 2:19-CV-00383-SAB

ORDER DISMISSING MOTIONS

AS MOOT; ORDERING JOINT

Plaintiffs,

v.

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STATUS REPORT

Defendant.

The parties have submitted an Updated Joint Status Report and Notice of 19 Settlement. ECF No. 83. In the joint status report, the parties state that—with Judge Sabraw's assistance and after two full-day mediation sessions—they have agreed to the mediator's proposal. The parties report that the mediator's proposal resolves not only this case, but also two similar, coordinated putative class action cases filed against Defendant in the San Bernardino County Superior Court, Coordinated Case No. JCPDS5045.

The parties state that they are now in the process of preparing a long-form 26 settlement agreement and will file a motion for preliminary approval of the class action settlement once the agreement is finalized. However, the parties state that 28 the mediator's proposal left open the question of whether Plaintiffs will seek

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preliminary approval in this Court or in the San Bernardino County Superior Court. The parties estimate that they will be able to update the Court as to next steps within the next 21 days.

Finally, the parties request that the Court vacate the hearing dates on Plaintiff's pending motions, ECF Nos. 22, 67, in light of the parties' settlement.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Plaintiffs' Motion for Conditional Certification, ECF No. 22, is **DISMISSED as moot**.
- 2. Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification, ECF No. 67, is **DISMISSED as moot**.
- 3. On or before **August 3, 2022**, the parties shall submit another joint status report updating the Court on next steps, particularly in regard to the parties' plans for filing a motion for preliminary approval of class settlement.

IT IS SO ORDERED. The District Court Clerk is hereby directed to enter this Order and to provide copies to counsel.

DATED this 12th day of July 2022.



Stanley A. Bastian Chief United States District Judge

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